

1 AN ACT relating to criminal justice data and making an appropriation therefor.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 15.280 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) ***As used in this section, "criminal justice agency" means:***

5 ***(a) Any agency within the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet except for the***
6 ***Department of Public Advocacy;***

7 ***(b) Commonwealth's attorneys;***

8 ***(c) County attorneys;***

9 ***(d) Any federal, state, or local law enforcement agency; and***

10 ***(e) The Court of Justice.***

11 **(2)** A Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center is hereby created as part of the
12 Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet.

13 ~~**(3)**~~ ~~**(2)**~~ The Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center shall provide its reports and
14 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly through the secretary
15 of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet.

16 ~~**(4)**~~ ~~**(3)**~~ The Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center shall:

17 (a) Improve the quality and usefulness of criminal justice statistics and research
18 results that are disseminated to citizens, public agencies, and private agencies
19 in Kentucky through the collection, analysis, assimilation, and analysis of
20 research and statistical data, **information, and records** ~~from within the~~
21 ~~cabinet, from other executive, judicial, and legislative agencies, and from~~
22 ~~private sources~~];

23 (b) **Collect, request, process, and preserve any criminal justice and public safety**
24 **data, information, and records within the possession, custody, or control of**
25 **any agency of the federal, state, or local government, or from a private**
26 **entity;**

27 (c) Publish research results and statistical data ~~that are requested by criminal~~

1 ~~justice agencies~~;

2 ~~(d)~~~~(e)~~ Improve the relationship between citizens and criminal justice agencies
3 of Kentucky by conducting citizen surveys of the needs, attitudes, and
4 behavior relating to crime and justice;~~and~~

5 ~~(e)~~~~(d)~~ Strengthen the relationship between Kentucky criminal justice agencies
6 and the Bureau of Justice Statistics, United States Department of Justice, by:

7 1. Providing justice statistics to the Bureau of Justice Statistics as required;

8 and

9 2. Serving as a clearinghouse for Bureau of Justice Statistics materials;

10 and

11 (f) Design, implement, and maintain a Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis
12 Center records information system.

13 ~~(5)~~~~(4)~~ The Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet may expend any general,
14 restricted,~~federal grants~~ or federal funds provided for carrying out the functions
15 and authority as assigned in this section. Further, the Kentucky Justice and Public
16 Safety Cabinet may employ such employees as may be necessary to fulfill the
17 duties, responsibilities, and functions assigned by this section.

18 ~~(6)~~~~(5)~~ Information and record copies that are confidential under state or federal law
19 and are provided to the Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center shall not
20 become the information and records of the center and shall not lose their
21 confidentiality by virtue of the center's access to the information and records. The
22 original information and records used to generate information and record copies
23 provided to the center shall be maintained by the appropriate agency in accordance
24 with state and federal law and shall be subject to the Kentucky Open Records Act,
25 KRS 61.870 to 61.884. All open records requests shall be made to the appropriate
26 agency, not to the Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center. Information and
27 record copies provided to the Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center for review

1 shall be exempt from the Kentucky Open Records Act, KRS 61.870 to 61.884.